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ANNOUNCEMENT.

For Congress.
We are authorized to announce
Hon. E. S. Cander, Jr., as a candidate
for congress from the First District
of Mississippi, subject to the action
of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce
Hon. Geo. T. Mitchell as a candidate
for congress from the First District of
Mississippi, subject to the action of
the Democratic party.

For Mayor.
We are authorized to announce E.
S. Donnell as a candidate for mayor
of Columbus, subject to the action of
the Democratic party.

For Councilman.
We are authorized to announce
Mr. B. A. Weaver as a candidate for
alderman from ward No. 1, subject
to the action of the Democratic party.

The friends of Mr. John A. Snell
announce him as a candidate for
alderman from ward No. 2, subject to
the action of the Democratic party.

The friends of Mr. L. A. Vaughan
announce him as a candidate for city
councilman from the third ward, subject
to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce
J. M. Walker as a candidate for council-
man from ward No. 3, subject to the
action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce
Mr. D. S. McClanahan as a candidate
for alderman from ward No. 4, subject
to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce Mr.
E. S. Moore as a candidate for alder-
man from ward No. 5, subject to the
action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce
Mr. J. W. Stansel as a candidate for
councilman from the Sixth ward,
subject to the action of the Demo-
cratic party.

The friends of Mr. John W. Steen
announce him as a candidate for alder-
man from ward No. 6, subject to the
action of the Democratic party.

State estimates of men soon lose
their force when their services are
transferred to larger fields and greater
activities. This seems true of the
Honorable Jeff Davis, who is one of
the senators from Arkansas. As
long as Jeff was confined to Arkansas
he was all right, for he was in
Arkansas, but the moment he entered
national political life it became ap-
parent that he was considerable of
a misfit, and every act of his since
has added ground for this conviction.
There is a demand in the United
States senate for services of men of the
Tillman type, but not that of Jeff
Davis.

Experiments are to be made in the
Mississippi Delta to see if Japanese
rice can be profitably grown there.
Congressman Humphreys has been
trying for the past twelve months to
induce the state authorities to make
the experiment on the Parchman
farm, but failed to interest them and
has secured a promise from Dr. I. A.
Knapp, of the bureau of plant indus-
try at Washington, to undertake the
work. Prof. Fox, who is in charge
of the experiment station in Wash-
ington county, will co-operate with
Dr. Knapp, and will personally super-
vise the work.

The board of trustees of the A.
and M. College at their meeting last
week adopted a resolution reducing
the salary of President Hardy to
\$3,500 per annum. This action was
necessitated by the fact that the legis-
lative appropriation for support and
improvements was contingent upon
the reduction, which the bill provided
must take effect before any part of
the money can be withdrawn from
the state treasury.

Employees of the postoffice depart-
ment have received instructions not
to talk politics. This means, of
course, that they mustn't talk against
Teddy.

Senator Tillman says that if Taft
is nominated by the Republicans,
Bryan will be the Democratic nom-
inee and will defeat the corrupt
secretary, but that if the Republican
convention is stampeded for Roose-
velt, which he deems likely, the
Democrats will not nominate Bryan.
Who the Democratic standard bearer
will be in the event that the Repub-
licans nominate Roosevelt the sena-
tor deposes not.

Governor Noel seems to be enjoy-
ing the proud distinction of his posi-
tion, notwithstanding the severe criti-
cism which has been directed against
him from certain quarters, more es-
pecially Vicksburg. The impression
is growing every day that he is going
to be governor while in the office and
that no crowd or clan or faction has
a monopoly of his services.

Governor Noel was here last week
to attend a meeting of the board of
trustees of the Industrial Institute
and College, and although in the city
but a short while took occasion to
call on a number of his friends while
here. Gov. Noel is quite popular in
Lowndes county, as was demonstrated
in the second primary last year.

The Frisco road was completed
into Birmingham the past week and
freight and passenger trains are now
running into the Magic City. By the
way, what has become of that road
from this city to Aberdeen, work on
which we were promised would begin
some time ago?

The press of Hattiesburg is rising
up because R. G. Dunn & Co.'s
agency has given the city a popula-
tion of only 10,000. If Hattiesburg
isn't satisfied with this showing the
people down there should get that
fellow who gave Jackson a population
of 33,000 to take the census. He
can fix it for them.

Roosevelt will not appoint a federal
judge to succeed Judge Clark in
Tennessee until after the Chicago
convention. Then he'll probably
give the plum to the man who deliv-
ers into his hands the largest num-
ber of votes.

That was a mean April fool trick
which the management of the Milano
Grand Opera Company played on the
people of Columbus.

Be a rooter; don't be a knocker.

Lodge Lore

The regular meeting of Luxapallila
Tribe No. 1, Improved Order of Red
Men, which was held last Wednesday
night, was devoted almost entirely
to practice by the degree team. The
grand council for the reservation of
Mississippi is to meet here in July,
and an effort is being made to get the
members of the local team in shape
for the work which will devolve upon
them at that time. Heretofore the
tribe has been meeting only twice
each month, but from now until the
coming of the grand council in July
weekly meetings will be held.

At the regular weekly meeting of
Tombigbee Lodge No. 12, Knights of
Pythias, which was held last Tuesday
night, Rev. S. L. Pope and Mr. G. B.
Kidder were elected to membership
and the rank of knight was conferred
upon Mr. James Baxter.

At a meeting of Columbus Royal
Arch Chapter No. 4, which was held
last Thursday night, the Royal Arch
Degree was conferred upon Messrs.
C. C. Richardson, W. C. Gunter and
G. O. Trull.

It has been a pleasure of the week
to welcome favored visitors whose
coming is always anticipated. Mrs.
E. G. McCabe, of Atlanta, arrived
Friday and is the guest of her sister,
Mrs. Cornelia Benoit; Mr. and Mrs.
Henry M. Pratt and little daughter,
Merrill, came the same evening
from Memphis to visit Mr. and Mrs.
T. B. Franklin; on Wednesday, Mrs.
Price Perkins McLemore, of Green-
wood, with her sons, Price and Bas-
kerville, is expected and will spend
several weeks with Mrs. Alice B.
Young.

Mrs. S. E. Greenland, of Roanoke,
Va., is the guest of her son, Mr. S.
W. Greenland, the genial manager of
the Columbus Railway, Light & Pow-
er Company, at the Stone Hotel.

Mrs. T. H. Sharp and Miss Jennie
Sharp leave tomorrow for Memphis
to visit Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Henry,
Jr.

Miss Lucile Hopkins visited Mr.
and Mrs. George Boyd at their coun-
try place, "Cradland," last week.

Mrs. Portwood and Mrs. Von Bayer
Ehrenberg will probably leave this
week for Arkansas.

See how good a Suit Kaufman can
sell you at \$6.50 to \$25.00.

Gov. Noel and the Levee Board.

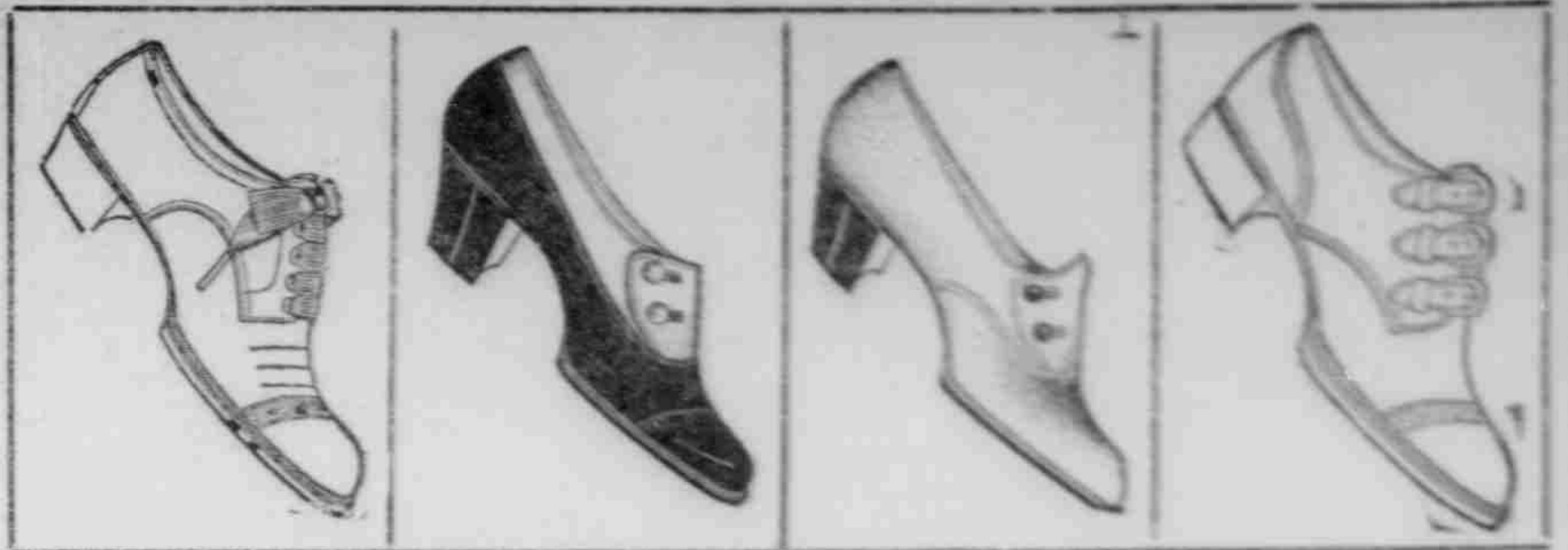
A special from Jackson says:
In discussing the developments
and circumstances surrounding the
recent re-organization of the Yazoo-
Mississippi delta levee board, with
which the much deplored Lowe-Hous-
ton tragedy of last Monday was in-
volved, Gov. Noel today made it quite
plain that, contrary to the published
statements, he had never taken any
active or direct part in the details of
organization; that he had pulled no
strings, nor as has also been stated,
"stacked the cards and got caught
with his own deck." That he had
good reasons for desiring the retire-
ment of Mr. Williams from the posi-
tion to which aspired to be re-elected
by the new board, seems evident from
the lights which were before him.

Prior to the appointment of the
new board and of the adoption of
legislation authorizing an investiga-
tion of the financial transactions of
the board's fiscal officers, steps had
been taken to provide for an official
investigation, and the state revenue
agent was instructed to take up the
matter. Being so deputized, Mr.
Adams, as that official had reported
to the governor, had suggested that
Treasurer Williams come before him
and be examined under oath touch-
ing his transactions and his disposi-
tion of the levee board funds, which
the latter declined to do. Under the
circumstances and in face of this de-
clination, the revenue agent had re-
ported that it was impossible for him
to go on with the investigation. With
this fact in view, as the governor
states, he placed the matter before
the men whom he had decided to ap-
point, in order to show that the good
of the public service would be better
promoted if Mr. Williams were re-
tired at the end of his term, which was
suggestive rather than mandatory.

Another matter of interest touched
upon by the governor was that af-
fecting the position of W. S. King, as
the representative of the Yazoo &
Mississippi Valley railroad on the
levee board. It appears that the reason
why he decided not to appoint a
representative of the railroad inter-
ests is that it is left discretionary
with the governor whether or not
such representation was needed or
should be made, and it was his own
view and that of the attorney-general
that it was not an imperative pro-
vision of law that Mr. King or anyone
else representing the railroad should
be appointed. Mr. King's term has
expired, and he has not been re-ap-
pointed, and will not be, so that he
will not take part in the meeting to
fill the vacancy caused by the death
of Mr. Houston.

There is another vacancy in the
personnel of the board, as W. C.
Knight, the member for DeSoto, was
found to have been disqualified, by
virtue of his having registered and
voted in Tennessee last year, and
had not had time to legally qualify
in Mississippi, and hence he would be
ineligible. He has therefore ap-
pointed J. C. Brantly of Coldwater as
the member for DeSoto county, who
has satisfactorily qualified for the
place.

Under the new law, which provides
for the placing of the levee board
funds in thoroughly qualified and
protected banks in the several coun-
ties in which the funds pertaining
to that county shall be placed, the of-
fice of secretary-treasurer, or rather
the duties of the treasurer, will be
merely nominal. The act specifies
the conditions under which the sur-
plus funds shall be placed, and he as
governor has never suggested nor in-
timated any special bank in any
county or community as a levee
fund depository, that being a detail
which the law leaves to others, and
one that is properly safeguarded. He
had suggested that the banks receiv-
ing the custody of these funds should,
in addition to the filing of indemnity
bonds or securities, be charged a
small rate of interest, but this was



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